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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION VI

DALLAS, TEXAS 75270

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Texas Air Control Board
Region 7
5555 West Loop, Suite 300
Bellaire, Texas 77401
Telephone: (713) 666-4964

If there are further problems, please call Stanley H. Spruiell at (214) 749-7676.

Sincerely yours,

Carl E. Edlund
Carl E. Edlund, Chief
Air Compliance Branch

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TEXAS AIR CONTROL BOARD

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Date of Investigation: 12-01-77

PERMANENT SOURCE INFORMATION

01 Action Code	C	County	Brazoria	Jurisdiction	OTO	Source Status:	AA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EX <input type="checkbox"/> DA <input type="checkbox"/>
Company Name, Location, Mailing Address		Facility Type		Enter Y or N in each box			
02	Chromalloy	1	Portable Unit	<input type="checkbox"/>			
03	Gulfeo Division	1	Federal Facility	<input type="checkbox"/>			Significant Pollutants
04	County Road 756	1	NSPS	<input type="checkbox"/>	PA	<input type="checkbox"/>	
05	1 mi. North of S.H. 332	1	NESHAPS	<input type="checkbox"/>	SO ₂	<input type="checkbox"/>	
06	Drawer O	1	EPA Major Source	<input type="checkbox"/>	HC	<input type="checkbox"/>	
07	Freeport, Texas 77541	1	EPA Minor Source	<input type="checkbox"/>	CO	<input type="checkbox"/>	
08		1	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	
09	Group 32	Business/Products	Shipyards Fabrication & repair				

INVESTIGATION DATA

10 INVESTIGATIONS:	Agency Comment	Alternate Method	Burning	Permit	(Permit No.)	
Complaint	1	NSPS	NESHAPS	Observed Sample	Progress Report	Order
Sampling	Rule 7&8	SIP	2	Source Surveillance	Other	
11 Investigator Codes	070	Technical Report	Source			
12 Management	B. L. Tanner	Title	President	Phone	()	
13 Person Contacted	C. W. Tanner	Title	Director Personnel & Safety	Phone	(713) 233-7851	
14 Complaint No.	131106	Date Received	11/07/77	Odor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smoke <input type="checkbox"/> Dust <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
15 Complaint No.		Date Received		Odor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smoke <input type="checkbox"/> Dust <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Findings:	Confirmed <input type="checkbox"/> Unconfirmed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Odor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smoke	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dust <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Cause

ADMINISTRATION

REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLES		Sampling Results To Follow:		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Type	Source	Pollutant	Time	Actual	Allowable	% of Max.	% of Norm.
16							
17							
18							
Emission Rate Code: lb/hr-01; lb/D-02; T/Y-03; SCFM-04; PPM-05; PPB-06; ug/M3-07; GR/SCF-08; lb/MBTU-09; %-10; None-11							
19 Emissions Status:	In Compliance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Noncompliance <input type="checkbox"/>	Short-Term Noncompliance <input type="checkbox"/>	Undetermined <input type="checkbox"/>			
If Undetermined, why?	Plant Down <input type="checkbox"/>	Partial Operation <input type="checkbox"/>	Needs Sample <input type="checkbox"/>	Upset or Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>		
20 Violations:	Rule	Rule	Rule	Order	TCAA		
21	Source	Source	Source	Source	Source		
22 Scheduled Action:	Date	Comments	C action code for changing				
23	Date	Comments	Group no from 19 to 79				
24	Date	Comments					
25 Compliance Action Recommended:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Abatement Letter Sent:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>				
Emissions Inventory Form Needed:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Et accurate:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Undetermined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Photos:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Permits:	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Deny <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss <input type="checkbox"/> Engineer						

Investigator(s)

Date

Approved By

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REGIONAL

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103.1, 103.2 - In compliance

There are no sources.

105.2 - In compliance

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Regulation II, III, & V - In compliance

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Regulation VI - In compliance

This facility was initially constructed in 1969 and

Chromalloy, Gulfeo Division
December 1, 1977
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Chromalloy, Gulfco Division
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Phone: 541-1111
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The Senate of
The State of Texas

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TEXAS AIR CON. B. BOARD

Mr. Charles Barden
Executive Director
Texas Air Control Board
8520 Shoal Creek Blvd.
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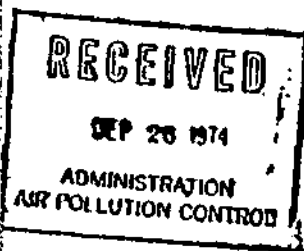
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cc to BST 9/26/74

T&E 000749



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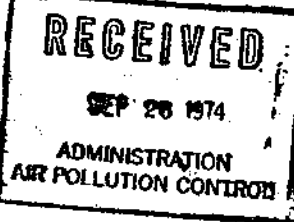
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17TH DISTRICT
THE COASTAL DISTRICT



cc to Bst 9/26/74

T&E 000759

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ARS/mw

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T&E 000760

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Room 326, Capitol Building,
Capitol Station,
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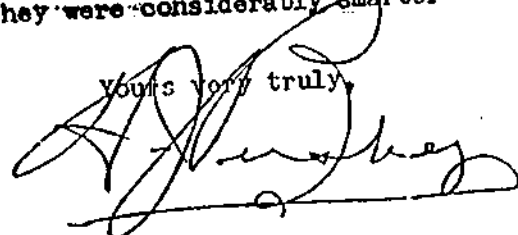
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TEB 000748

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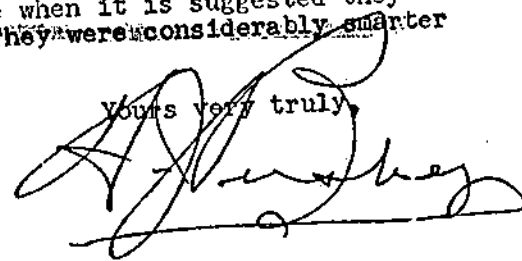
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Investigator's Comments
Gulfco, Inc.
Brazoria County, Texas

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On September 20, 1974, an investigation was conducted at the Gulfco, Inc. barge cleaning facility at the end of County Road 756 in the Bridge Harbor Addition, Brazoria County. This investigation was prompted by a complaint, #07100, alluding to dust and odor from the sandblasting and painting of barges.

An attempt was made to contact the complainant but his wife was the only one available. The lady stated that when the wind was from the right direction (blowing toward the complainant's home), clouds of sand were blown into their home and over their yard preventing them from the normal use and enjoyment of their property. The lady also stated that the paint fumes (she said they smelled like burned varnish) got so bad at times that she and her husband had to leave the house until the fumes dissipated. The lady stated that chemical odors sometimes came from a settling pond on Gulfco's property.

Mr. John M. Ellis, Vice-president of Gulfco, was contacted and informed that complaints had been received in the Texas Air Control Board Region 7 office about his operation. After a discussion of the gist of the complaints and the company's operation, Mr. Ellis stated that they would either lower or eliminate emissions to the extent that no nuisance would be created. Mr. Ellis related that his company was building a new facility farther upwind of the complainant and that the facility would also be closer to the ground, to minimize dust and paint odors. Insofar as the chemical odors were concerned, Mr. Ellis stated that the company had a Texas Water Quality Board permit for the settling pond. This investigator informed Mr. Ellis that regardless of the TWQB permit, TACB regulations did not allow odors of such concentration as to constitute a nuisance to be emitted from this facility. The paint odors and sand emissions were also emphasized as nuisance conditions under TACB Rule 3. Mr. Ellis assured this investigator that steps would be taken immediately to minimize nuisance conditions.

Later, contact with both the complainant and his wife, gained the information that since this investigator's visit to the Gulfco facility, no more nuisance conditions had occurred. The complainant offered many thanks for the Texas Air Control Board's prompt action and apparent alleviation of the problem.

This facility, Gulfco, Inc., needs to be added to XI, RO, and CM lists as a new account. This facility will be kept under routine surveillance by TACB Region 7 personnel to assure that compliance is maintained. Further investigation will be conducted for possible Regulation VI violation.

W. C. Hood
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Environmental Health Specialist

November 12, 1974

WCH:pdh

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TEXAS AIR CONTROL BOARD
Source Surveillance Investigator's Report

Account Number: ADD
 Region: 07 County: BRANFORD Local Program: 26 Investigation Conducted By: 070
 Date of Investigation: 09/30/74 Regional and Compliance Division Status: AA X EX X DA X
 Regional Determination Status should be: AA X EX X DA X Area Land Use: A X B X C X D X

Name, Parent Company, Location and Mail Address:
Garido, Inc.
County Road
1 mile North State Highway 332
Drawer 0
Frederick, Texas 77541

Name of Manager: John M. Miller Title: Vice President
 Person Contacted: Bams Title: 36 AC 713 No. 113
 Nature of Business: Barge Cleaning El Group No(s): 1
 Primary Products: Clean Barges

Biennial Investigation: Progress Report? 11 Complaint Investigation? X Permit Investigation? 14
 Alternate Methods: Compliance Request? 16 Upset and Maintenance Notification? 17 Other? 18
 Notice of Violation: 19 issued. On this date account appears to be in compliance: 26 Yes 27 No

Type of Sample taken: Property Line 11 Opacity 12 Stack 13 Pollutant Sampled for: Particulate 14 SO₂ 15 H₂S 16
 Other: 17 No sample taken but Problem Exists of Priority: High 24 Medium 25 Low 26
 Emissions Inventory Point Source Number Sampled: 27 Sampled Fugitive Emissions: 28

Statement of Problem: 11
 Complaint Number: 100 Date Complaint Received: 09/05/74 Nature of Complaint: Odor X Smoke X Dust X Other X
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If Name and/or Address Change, give Previous Name and/or Address:

Investigator: [Signature] Approved By: [Signature]

Investigator's Comments:
 See Attachment:
 Recommendation: No Compliance action requested at this time.

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 Regional determine EI Status should be: AA ☒ EX ☒ DA ☒ Area Land Use: A ☒ B ☒ C ☒ D ☒

Name, Parent Company, Location and Mail Address:
 02 Gulfco, Inc.
 03 County/Road
 04 1 mile North State Highway 332
 05 Drawer 10
 06 Freeport, Texas 77561
 07
 08
 09

10 Name of Management: John M. Ellis Title: Vice President
 11 Person Contacted: Same Title: AC 713 No.
 12 Nature of Business: Barge Cleaning EI Group No(s):
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Mr. John N. Ellis, Vice-president of Gulfoo, was contacted and informed that complaints had been received in the Texas Air Control Board Region 7 office about his operation. After a discussion of the gist of the complaints and the company's operation, Mr. Ellis stated that they would either lower or eliminate emissions to the extent that no nuisance would be created. Mr. Ellis related that his company was building a new facility farther upwind of the complainant and that the facility would also be closer to the ground, to minimize dust and paint odors. Insofar as the chemical odors were concerned, Mr. Ellis stated that the company had a Texas Water Quality Board permit for the settling pond. This investigator informed Mr. Ellis that regardless of the TWQB permit, TACB regulations did not allow odors of such concentration as to constitute a nuisance to be emitted from this facility. The paint odors and sand emissions were also emphasized as nuisance conditions under TACB Rule 5. Mr. Ellis assured this investigator that steps would be taken immediately to minimize nuisance conditions.

Later, contact with both the complainant and his wife, gained the information that since this investigator's visit to the Gulfoo facility, no more nuisance conditions had occurred. The complainant offered many thanks for the Texas Air Control Board's prompt action and apparent alleviation of the problem.

This facility, Gulfoo, Inc., needs to be added to XI, RO, and CM lists as a new account. This facility will be kept under routine surveillance by TACB Region 7 personnel to assure that compliance is maintained. Further investigation will be conducted for a possible Regulation VI violation.

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November 12, 1974

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TEXAS AIR CONTROL BOARD
Source Surveillance Investigator's Report

Account Number: _____

01	Region: <u>01</u>	County: <u>Brazoria</u>	Local Program: <u>26</u>	Investigation Conducted By: <u>OTO</u>
	Date of Investigation: <u>12/04/74</u>	Regional and Compliance Divisions Status: AA <u>X</u> EX <u>X</u> DA <u>X</u>		
	Regional determination: EI Status should be: AA <u>X</u> EX <u>X</u> DA <u>X</u>			Area Land Use: <u>A</u> <u>B</u> <u>C</u> <u>D</u>

Name, Parent Company, Location and Mail Address	
02	<u>Gulco, Inc.</u>
03	<u>Surfside, Miss. 393</u>
04	<u>Intercoastal, Calvey</u>
05	<u>Route 1, Box 1</u>
06	<u>Freeport, Tex. 77561</u>
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10	Name of Management: <u>B. L. Tanner</u>	Title: <u>President</u>	
11	Person Contacted: <u>Same</u>	Title: <u>36</u>	AC <u>713</u> No. <u>233-7401</u>
12	Nature of Business: <u>Marine-Industrial Fabricators and Constructors</u>		EI Group No(s) <u>39</u> / <u>60</u> / <u>62</u> / <u>64</u>
13	Primary Products: <u>Drilling Platforms and Clean Barges</u>		

14	Biennial Investigation?	Progress Report? <u>X</u>	Complaint Investigation? <u>X</u>	Permit Investigation? <u>X</u>
	Alternate Methods?	Compliance Request? <u>X</u>	Upset and Maintenance Notification? <u>X</u>	Other? <u>X</u>
	Notice of Violation: <u>19</u> issued. On this date account appears to be in compliance. <u>X</u> Yes <u>X</u> No			

15	Type of Sample taken: <u>Property Line</u>	Opacity: <u>1</u>	Stack: <u>12</u>	Pollutant Sampled for: <u>Particulate</u>	SO ₂ : <u>14</u>	H ₂ S: <u>15</u>	Other: <u>16</u>
	No sample taken but Problem Exists of Priority: <u>High</u> <u>Medium</u> <u>Low</u>						
	Emissions Inventory Point Source Number Sampled: <u>27</u>			Sampled Fugitive Emissions: <u>32</u>			
16	Statement of Problem: <u>11</u>						

17	Complaint Number: <u>7167</u>	Date Complaint Received: <u>12/04/74</u>	Nature of Complaint: Odor <u>X</u> Smoke <u>X</u> Dust <u>X</u> Other <u>X</u>
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If Name and/or Address Change, give Previous Name and/or Address:	
Investigator: <u>[Signature]</u>	Approved By: <u>[Signature]</u>

Investigator's Comments:	Recommendation: <u>No Compliance Action requested at this time.</u>
See Attachment: _____	

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Investigator's Comments
Gulfoo, Inc., Complaint
Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas

December 4, 1974
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January 23, 1974

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December 4, 1974
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